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Honorable Mark O. Hatfield
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Dear Senator Hatfield:

This is in reply to your letter of May 12, 1993, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz. You expressed concern about the impact of upgrading existing systems on local government and other two-way radio systems located in rural areas.

The primary purpose of the Notice was to foster emerging mobile telecommunications technologies that can help resolve spectrum congestion. While congestion is most pronounced in urban environments, the evidence suggests that pockets exist in even the most rural states. We are, however, fully aware of the varying needs of users of private land mobile radio spectrum, including local governments and those in rural areas. To this end, Commission staff has had numerous meetings with representatives of various groups representing mobile radio users. These discussions have been fruitful and should lead to final rules that achieve the important goals of the Notice while minimizing costs to all users.

Thank you for your interest in this proceeding. As you have requested, your concerns will be included in the record of this proceeding and will be considered in developing final rules.

Sincerely,

James H. Quello
Chairman

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

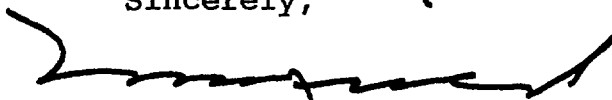
It has been several months since I first contacted the Federal Communications Commission Portland field office regarding FCC docket #92-235. I would like to take this opportunity to again express my concerns over the proposed regulation change and the negative financial impact it would have on the citizens of Oregon.

Docket #92-235 would force the immediate upgrade of communication systems around the state of Oregon and the nation. The majority of users who such a requirement would affect are police departments, 911 emergency dispatch centers and counties. But the regulation also would affect private companies and model airplane fliers. The financial impact upon these groups to upgrade existing systems and at the same time maintain existing service levels, would be devastating. The proposal would have a benefit to frequency crowding in densely populated metropolitan areas, but this benefit would come at the expense of the rural areas of our country.

I hope some attention is given for a "faze in" approach or regional consideration so as to mitigate the financial burden on the affected groups.

If I can provide any further information on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Mark O. Hatfield
United States Senator

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